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SUBJECT: DAILY ARA SUMMARY - JUNE 7

1. THE NSC HAS GIVEN US A NEW TARGET DATE FOR THE REPORT ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE PRESIDENT'S OAS SPEECH. THE DUE DATE IS NOW JULY 1. WE PROPOSE TO EMPHASIZE NEW APPROACHES.

2. MANLEY LEFT JAMAICA ON JUNE 5 FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING WHICH CONVENES IN LONDON JUNE 8. HE
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WILL STOP OFF IN CUBA ON JUNE 23 ON HIS WAY HOME.

3. PATRICK JOHN AND THREE MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA CALLED ON HABIB AND ME TODAY. JOHN WHO WAS BEGINNING HIS 17-DAY INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM, INDICATED THAT DOMINICA EXPECTED INDEPENDENCE BY JANUARY 1978.

4. DICK COOPER HAS AGREED WITH OUR AND EB'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WE SEEK QUICK ACTION IN THE TPSC TO GET JAMAICA, GUYANA, PANAMA AND THAILAND DESIGNATED FOR GSP FOR SUGAR. THE TPSC WILL MEET ON IT TOMORROW, AND THE TPRG IF NECESSARY ON FRIDAY. WE ARE KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN FOR A POSSIBLE FUTURE ATTEMPT AT DESIGNATION FOR BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, ARGENTINA AND TAIWAN, BUT THAT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT.

5. I MET WITH PHIL HABIB THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS HIS VISITS TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (JUNE 16-19), GUYANA (JUNE 20-21) AND BARBADOS (JUNE 21-22), FOLLOWING THE OASGA.

6. LATER THIS WEEK I WILL BE REVIEWING THE FINAL ZERO BASE BUDGETING PACKAGE WHICH BOB GERSHENSON AND MGT, PPC, AND THE GEOGRAPHIC OFFICES HAVE BEEN PULLING TOGETHER. THE PACKAGE IS DUE IN M BY JUNE 10.

7. USUN HAS REPORTED THAT THE CUBANS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO PROCEED ON PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WHEN THE SUBJECT COMES UP IN AUGUST. THE CUBANS ARE "UNCOMFORTABLE" WITH THE ISSUE BUT FEEL THEY CANNOT SIMPLY LET IT DROP.

8. NON-VIOLENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN PANAMA CITY AND COLON ON JUNE 6. EMBASSY PANAMA REPORTED THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE A BIT LARGER THAN USUAL AND WERE HARDLY SPONTANEOUS. THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ORCHESTRATED ATTEMPTS TO SIPHON OFF STUDENT ENERGIES AND DIVERT THEM FROM CRITICISM OF THE GOP AT ANOTHER CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS.

9. THE IMF NOW TELLS US IT IS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAMAICA. THE KEY ISSUE REMAINS FISCAL POLICY--OR HOW MUCH OF THE BUDGET DEFICIT THE CENTRAL BANK SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COVER. IMF NEGOTIATORS THOUGHT THEY HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JAMAICAN TEAM. THE CABINET, HOWEVER, IN THE ABSENCE OF FINANCE MINISTER BROWN (THEN AT THE GUATEMALA IDB MEETING), APPROVED A FINANCIAL PROGRAM THAT FELL FAR SHORT OF THE SUPPOSED AGREEMENT. APPARENTLY NOTHING CAN BE DONE UNTIL MANLEY'S RETURN TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. AT THAT TIME, THE IMF EXPECTS AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE GOJ ON ITS POSITION. THE IMF CHIEF NEGOTIATOR ANTICIPATES PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD NOT PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT AND TRANCHE RELEASE BEFORE

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